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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on January 10, 2008, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner. Cancellation of claims 1, 3, and 5-8 has been entered. Claims 2 and 4 are pending in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 4 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 2, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 2, specifically for the limitation of a green color phosphor comprising a mixture of a phosphor material defined by a general formula of $M_{1-x}Al_{12}O_{19}:Mn_x$ (where "M" denotes one of Ca, Sr, Eu and Zn) and one of phosphor materials defined by general formulae of $(Y_{1}-a-yGd_a)(Ga_1.x^2Al_x^2)_3(BO_3)_4:Tb_y$, and $(Y_{1}-a-yGd_a)(Ga_{1-x^2}Al_x^2)_3(BO_3)_4:Tb_y$, ce_y in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claim 4, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 4, specifically for the limitation of a green color phosphor comprising a mixture of a phosphor material defined by a general formula of $M_{1:x}Al_{1:2}O_{19}:Mn_x$ (where "M" denotes one of Ca, Sr, Eu and Zn) and another phosphor material defined by a general formula of $(Y_{1^*a^*-y^*Gd_a})(Ga_1, x^*Al_{x^*})_3(BO_3)_4:Tb_y$ in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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